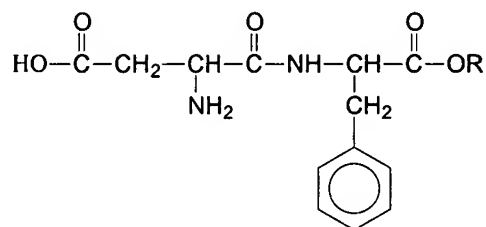


Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

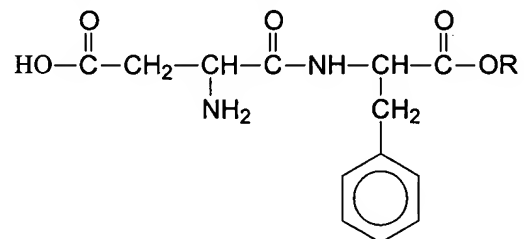
1. (previously canceled)
2. (previously canceled)
3. (previously amended) A method for treatment of high whole blood viscosity in a patient comprising administering in a treatment regimen to said patient an effective amount of a composition comprising



where R is CH₃ or an alkyl, wherein said effective amount causes a reduction in whole blood viscosity in said patient.

4. (previously presented) The method of Claim 3, wherein said alkyl having 2 to 6 carbons.
5. (previously presented) The method of Claim 3, wherein said effective amount is from about 1 milligram to about 6 milligrams per kilogram body weight.
6. (withdrawn)
7. (withdrawn)
8. (withdrawn)
9. (withdrawn)
10. (withdrawn)
11. (withdrawn)

12. (previously amended) A method for treating a patient having a disease characterized by abnormally viscous whole blood comprising administering in a treatment regimen to said patient an effective amount of a composition comprising



where R is CH₃ or an alkyl, wherein said effective amount causes a reduction in whole blood viscosity in said patient.

13. (previously presented) The method of Claim 12, wherein said alkyl having 2 to 6 carbons.

14. (previously presented) The method of Claim 12, wherein said effective amount is from about 1 milligram to about 6 milligrams per kilogram body weight.

15. (previously presented) The method of Claim 4, wherein said effective amount is from about 1 milligram to about 6 milligrams per kilogram body weight.

16. (previously presented) The method of Claim 13, wherein said effective amount is from about 1 milligram to about 6 milligrams per kilogram body weight.